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BAND DIRECTOR SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Little Rock – Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced today the sentencing of Stacy Lynn Tucker, age 40, of Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Honorable Susan Webber Wright sentenced the defendant to 48 months incarceration with 25 years supervised release, a \$100 special penalty assessment and forfeiture of computer equipment. Special conditions placed on the defendant include undergoing mental health counseling and treatment, sex offender registration, monitored internet access, and no contact with minor children without the express consent of the probation office.

In January 2007, an investigator with the Oxford, Mississippi Police Department was posing online as a 14 year old female from Oxford when he was approached by an individual with the screen name of m719532003, a person later identified as Stacy Lynn Tucker. In that chat, the defendant began to engage in explicit sexual chat and asked the undercover to engage in sexual role play.

Other chat sessions occurred on April 4 and 5, 2007, the same undercover was again approached by the defendant. During these chats, the defendant invited the undercover to view numerous pornographic images. An image forwarded on April 5, 2007 was a child pornographic image.

On June 5, 2007, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's residence. Two computers and computer related equipment were seized for examination. A forensic exam revealed the presence of child pornography on the two computers as well as a thumb drive. There were a total of 197 still images. Approximately 86 of those images involved minors under the age of 12. Also located were 7 child pornographic videos; 4 of which involved minors under the age of 12.

On March 25, 2008, Tucker pled guilty to one count of possession of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). He also agreed to forfeit the computer equipment he used to store the pornographic images. At the time of the offense, the defendant was a band director for the IZard County Consolidated School District.

"This case is a perfect example of state and federal government working together to protect our children," stated United States Attorney Jane W. Duke. "Possession of child pornography is a serious offense. Each time child pornographic images are viewed, the child is victimized. Without people like Stacy Tucker who want to look at these images for their sexual pleasure, there would not be a market for these images and innocent children would not be victimized in this way. The United States Attorney's Office would like to thank our law enforcement partners who understand the seriousness of this offense and who do all they can to combat this on a daily basis."

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Oxford, Mississippi Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen Whatley.

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